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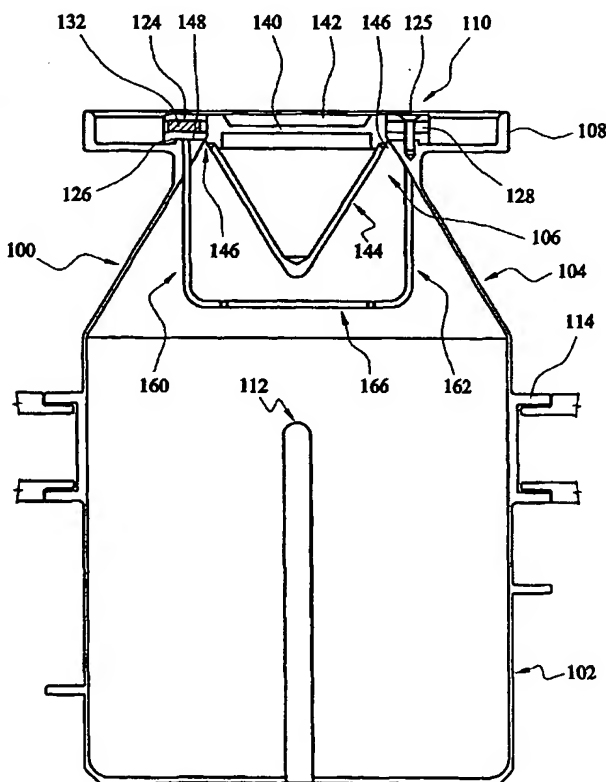
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**(54) Title:** MAGNETIC VALVE



**(57) Abstract:** A magnetic valve (110) including an element (120) surrounding and defining a port (122) and a plug movable (140) from a first position, in which the port is wholly closed by the plug to a separate position in which the port is not wholly closed, and in which the plug is magnetically retained in the first position is provided. Such magnetic valves, valve mechanisms and containers (102) incorporating them are particularly suited for the handling of hazardous materials in a reliable manner.

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